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SUBJECT: PRG ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED US CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

1. FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM PRG TRANSLATIONS OF TWO LETTERS FROM COLONEL VO DONG GIANG, THE PRG DEPUTY CHIEF OF DELEGATION TO TPJMC, TO AMBASSADOR BOGDAN WASILEWSKI, CHIEF OF POLDEL AND CURRENT ICCS CHAIRMAN. THE TWO LETTERS DESCRIBE ALLEGED OPERATIONS BY U. S. AIRCRAFT IN TAY NINH AND BINH LONG PROVINCES, RVN, AND REQUEST ICCS INVESTIGATIONS OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

2. MEMORANDUM OF MAY 12 (NO. 125/ LHQSTW) CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:
BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY 1973, US AND RVN ARMED PLANES HAVE CONTINUOUSLY VIOLATED THE AIR SPACE, CONDUCTED BOMBARDMENTS AND STRAFINGS AT THE PRG RSVN CONTROLLED AREAS IN TAY NINH AND BINH LONG PROVINCES. US B.52 BOMBERS EVEN DROPPED BOMBS ALONG THE SOUTH VIET- NAM- CAMBODIAN BORDER, THUS CAUSING HEAVY LOSSES IN TERMS OF LIVES
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AND PROPERTIES TO THE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN PEOPLE IN THESE AREAS.

IN RECENT DAYS, US AND RVN SIDES HAVE INCREASED AIR BOMBARDMENTS, RAIDS AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF LOC NINH AND XA MAT.

MAY 6, 1973 AT 1600 HOURS TWO AMERICAN F.4 S CIRCLED MANY TIMES OVER LOC NINH, AFTER THAT FIRED A SERIES OF 20 MM ROUNDS AT THE AREA NORTHWEST OF LOC TAN... .

... MAY 7, 1973, FROM 1210 HOURS TO 1225 HOURS, A GROUP OF AMERICAN F.105' S MADE MANY CIRCLES OVER XA MAT AIR SPACE. AFTER THAT THEY BOMBED AND STRAFED THE SOUTH VIET- NAM- CAMBODIAN BORDER AREA. AT 1400 HOURS ANOTHER GROUP OF AMERICAN F.105' S RENEWED THEIR BOMBARDMENTS AND STRAFFINGS IN THE ABOVE- SAID AREA. AT 1630 HOURS TWO AMERICAN F.4' S FIRED THREE SERIES OF 20 MM ROUNDS AT THE AREA NORTHWEST OF LOC TAN.

MAY 8, 1973, FOUR SORTIES OF L.19 PLANES RECONNOITRED AND HOVERED MANY TIMES OVER RACH NANG DINH AREA , XOM VINH (TAY NINH PROVINCE).

MAY 9, 1973, AT 0625 HOURS, TWO AMERICAN F.4' S AGAIN HOVERED MANY TIMES OVER LOC TAN AREA (ALONG ROUTE 13, 5-7 KILOMETERS FROM THE SOUTH VIET- NAM- CAMBODIAN BORDER), AFTER THAT DROPPED FOUR FRAGMENTATION BOMBS, TWO STEEL- PELLET BOMBS, AND FIRED FOUR ROCKETS AND A SERIES OF 20 MM ROUNDS AT THE ABOVE- SAID AREA. AT 0745 HOURS, TWO AMERICAN F.4' S FIRED TWO ROCKETS AND A SERIES OF 20 MM ROUNDS AT THE ABOVE- SAID AREA, AND AFTER THAT THEY CIRCLED MANY TIMES AT LOW ALTITUDE OVER LOC NINH TOWN. AT 0920 HOURS, FOUR AMERICAN F.4' S DROPPED

14 FRAGMENTATION BOMBS AND TWO STEEL- PELLET BOMBS IN THE AREA FIVE KILOMETERS FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE- CAMBODIAN BORDER. AT 1435 HOURS, TWO AMERICAN F.4' S FIRED TWO ROCKETS AT THE ABOVE- SAID AREA.

THE ABOVE- SAID BOMBARDMENTS AND STRAFINGS BY THE US AND RVN SIDES DIRECTEDGQAT VEHICLES AND PEOPLE WALKING ON THE ROADS, CAUSING NUMEROUS LOSSES IN TERMS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES TO THE PEOPLE IN THE LIBERATED ZONES OF THE PRG RSVN UNQUOTE
END TEXT.

NOTE: PORTIONS OF LETTER REFERRING TO ALLEGED RVN VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN OMITTED.

3. MEMORANDUM OF MAY 13 (NO. 127/ LHQSTW) CONTAINS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING: BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE: AT 1415 HOURS OF MAY 12, 1973, TWO US F.4 PLANES HOVERED MANY TIMES OVER THE AIRE SPACE OF LOC NIN , RAIDED THE LOC TAN SECTION, THUS WOUNDING 34 PERSONS (NAME LIST ATTACHED) AND CAUSING NUMEROUS LOSSES IN TERMS OF PROPERTY TO THE PEOPLE.

THE ABOVE- SAID CRIMINAL ACT IS PART OF PARCEL OF THE US AND RVN LARGE PLAN OF CONTINUOUS ENCROACHMENT UPON THE

AIR SIACE, BOMBING AND STRAFING THE PRG RSVN CONTROLLED ZONE IN TAY NINH AND BINH LONG AREAS WHICH HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT SINCE EARLY APRIL 1973 TO WHICH REFERENCE AAS MADE IN OUR MEMORANDUM NO. 125/LHQSTW OF MAY 12, 1973 ADDRESSING THE ICCS. QUNUOTE. END TEXT.

4. BOTH MEMORANDA CITE T QE ALLEGED US AIR ACTIONS AS VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND CEASEFIRE PROTOCOL, AND REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE ICCS INVESTIGATION INTO THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

5. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ICCS AT MAY 14 MEETING DECIDED TO INSTRUCT REGION V ICCS TEAM TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF THESE PRG COMPLAINTS; INSTRUCTIONS WENT OUT OVER SIGNATURE OF POLISH CHAIRMAN DATED MAY 16, BUT COPY DID NOT REACH GVN TPJMC DELEGATION UNTIL MAY 19.
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